(c) the reasons for a large number of pending cases under the Public Premises Eviction Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Classification of goods for freight determination

†679.SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have categorised goods under different categories for the purpose of deciding freight fare and if so, the total number of such categories existing during December, 2008;

(b) the number of goods included recently in each category; and

(c) the freight charges under each category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. There are a total of 16 different categories for the classification of goods including 4 low rated commodities.

(b) Number of commodities included in each Class are given in Goods Tariff No. 45 Part-I (Vol. II) as amended from time to time.

(c) Distance based freight rates from 100 km to 3500 km. are given in the Goods Tariff No. 44, Part-II, effective from 1.7.2006.

Closure of printing presses of railway

†680.MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact his Ministry has decided to close down Railways' printing presses which were running for last four decades;

(b) if so, the reasons for closing down of printing presses;

(c) the manner in which the stationery meant for Railways would get printed in view of closure of printing presses; and

(d) what is Railways' planning for rehabilitation of employees rendered unemployed as a result of closure of printing presses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. It has been decided for partial merger of small presses with the major presses.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Quality of food supplied in trains

681. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government is aware that the quality of food supplied and the quantity served thereof through trains passing through Uttar Pradesh and Kerala especially 2625/2626 Kerala Express, Rajdhani/Shatabdi are deteriorating day by day after the private contractor's regime;

(b) the details of the private contractors serving food in the Kerala Express;

(c) the details of specifications of food and the prices fixed by the Railways while grant in the contracts, item-wise; and

(d) the mechanism to monitor the food quality/quantity in the above trains by the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The quality and quantity of food served in trains of Indian Railways including those running through Uttar Pradesh and Kerala, are monitored by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).

(b) M/s KMA Caterers is the present licensee of Kerala Express.

(c) Details of food and prices thereof are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) Monitoring of quality and quantity of food is done with the help of:-

(i) Customer Satisfaction Survey through M/s IMRB International,

(ii) Food Audit conducted by M/s. TUV SUD,

(iii) Pasting of stickers indicating menu and tariff of food and beverages,

(iv) Conducting special drives, inspections and surprise checks, in addition to regular checks by IRCTC's Quality Control Professionals.

Statement

Details of Food and Prices thereof

Item	Details of Menu	Rates
1	2	3
Standard Breakfast (in casserole) Vegetarian	Veg. cutlets-2nos-100gms. 2 bread slice with -10 gms. butter in chiplet of total weight -70 gms.	
(a) Bread Butter and Cutlet	Tomato ketchup sachet - 15 gms. Salt and pepper	Rs. 17.00
(b) Idli and Vada	Idli 4 nos.- 200 gms. Urad Vada 4 nos. -120 gms. Chutney (packaged separately)-50 gms.	
(c) Upma and Vada	Upma-100 gms. Urad Vada 4 nos.- 120 gms. Chutney (packaged separately)-50 gms.	
(d) Pongal and Vada	Pongal - 200 gms. Urad Vada 4 nos.-120 gms. Chutney (packaged Separately) - 50 gms.	

1	2	3
Non -Vegetarian Bread Butter and Omlette	Omlette of 2 eggs-90 gms. Two bread slice with 10 gms butter in chiplet of total weight 70 gm Tomato Ketchup in sachet - 15 gms. Salt and Pepper	Rs.20.00
Standard Casserole Meals Vegetarian	Rice Pulao or Jeera rice or plain rice of fine quality -150 gms. Paratha (2 nos.) or Chapati (4 nos.) or Poories (5 nos.)-100 gms. Dal or Sambhar (thick consistency) -150 gms. Mix veg (seasonal)- 100 gms. Curd - 100 gms. or sweet - 40 gms. Pickle in sachet -15 gms Packaged drinking water in sealed glasses -250 ml.	Rs. 30.00
Non-Vegetarian	Rice Pulao or Jeera rice or plain rice of fine quality -150 gms. Paratha (2 nos.) or Chapati (4 nos.) or Poories (5 no.)-100 gms. Dal or Sambhar (thick consistency) -150 gms. Two egg curry - 200 gms. Curd - 100 gms. or sweet - 40 gms. Pickle in sachet- 15 gms Packaged drinking water in sealed glasses - 250 ml.	Rs. 35.00

Modernisation of stations in Uttar Pradesh

682. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking steps to modernize railway stations in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the stations identified for the purpose, so far; and

(d) the steps being taken to provide minimum facilities at railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) In order to bring about perceptible improvement in the "Touch and Feel" items, 67 stations from the State of Uttar Pradesh have been selected for modernization which are as under: Achnera, Agra Cantt, Agra Fort, Aligarh Jn., Allahabad Jn., Amethi, Ayodhya, Azamgarh, Badshah Nagar, Bahraich, Ballia, Banda, Bareilly, Bareilly City, Basti, Belthra Road, Chandauli, Chitrakutdham Karvi, Deoria Sadar, Dildarnagar, Etawah, Faizabad, Farukhabad, Fatehpur, Firozabad, Gazipur City, Ghaziabad, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Hapur, Hardoi, Idgah, Jaunpur Jn., Jhansi, Kanpur Central, Khalilabad, Khurja Jn., Kosikalan, Lakhimpur, Lalitpur, Lucknow (NR), Lucknow City, Lucknow Jn. (NER), Mahoba, Manduadih, Mathura, Mathura Cantt., Mau Jn., Meerut City, Mirzapur, Moradabad, Mughal Sarai, Naini, Orai, Prayag, Rai-Bareilly, Raja ki Mandi, Rampur, Renukoot, Saharanpur, Salempur, Shahjahanpur, Sitapur, Sultanpur, Unnao, Varanasi and Vindhyachal.